

HONORING THE GENEROSITY OF CLAYTON MACKAY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the generosity displayed by one of my constituents, first-grader Clayton MacKay. His act of donating prize money to an Ecuadoran shelter was reported on Friday, June 12, 2009 in my hometown newspaper, *Newsday*. I am proud of the example he set and would ask that this article be submitted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From *Newsday*, June 12, 2009]

FIRST GRADER MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School first grader Clayton MacKay wanted to help people, so he decided to make a difference in the lives of others by donating \$20 in prize money he won at a recent Easter celebration to Blanca House, a shelter located in Ecuador. The Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School administration and staff recognized Clayton for his thoughtful donation during a monthly school assembly.

Teacher Cecilia Doolittle explained that she has been talking to the students about the school's participation in a program to ship children's books and medical supplies to this philanthropic organization. "He asked me if he should donate some of his money to Blanca House, but after our conversation he decided to donate all of his prize money to this organization," Ms. Doolittle commented. "We are really proud of Clayton."

MOURNING PASSING OF JUDGE SANDRA OTAKA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Judge Sandra Otaka, who died of natural causes at the age of 57 on the 6th of June, 2009. As the first Asian-American to be elected judge in Cook County, and the second in Illinois, she was a strong advocate for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

Born in California as a sansei, or third-generation Japanese American, she was a politically active young woman. She campaigned against the Vietnam War before enrolling as an undergraduate at UC Berkeley at the age of 28. During her time at Berkeley, Otaka worked to overturn the conviction of Fred Korematsu, a Japanese-American who was arrested in 1942 for not reporting to his designated assembly center for internment. Her fight for justice and equal opportunity continued during law school, where she protested the university's plan to scale back its affirmative action program. After graduating, Otaka moved to Chicago to work for a commercial law firm and later as counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

After a racist comment by a Cook County Circuit Court Judge, Otaka, as co-chair of the judiciary committee of the Asian American Bar Association, led the effort to have him removed. She succeeded, with the judge failing to win the sixty percent of the vote required for retention.

In 2000, Sandra Otaka was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court, and in 2002, she was reelected—the first Asian American judge in Cook County to do so.

Judge Otaka is remembered for her continual fight for the Asian American community and as an advocate for diversity on the bench. She is survived by her sister, Susan Smith, and her nephew, Jeffery, who she raised as her own after her brother's death.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the passing of Sandra Otaka. She is truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership Standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2487, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

I, Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS, requested \$500,000 on behalf of Washington State University, located at 1036 Wilson Road; Pullman, Washington 99164. The application submitted on Washington State University's behalf requested funding from the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Program's Edward Byrne Discretionary Grant Account. This funding will be applied to the Washington State University Research Center for the Study of Addiction: Methamphetamine, Prescription, and Other Drugs of Abuse.

The Washington State University Program of Excellence is known for its cutting-edge, world-class research into the treatment and prevention of methamphetamine abuse. This request will utilize existing infrastructure, which currently focuses on methamphetamine abuse, to focus on prescription drug abuse. Funds will be used to provide for one research fellow, including necessary equipment and materials, to be a faculty member in the Center of Excellence. The individual will be responsible for focusing on the effective treatment and prevention of prescription drug abuse.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I receive as part of H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Steller Sea Lion Comanagement, Biosampling and Outreach/Education
Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Department of Commerce, NOAA—ORF
Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark:

Alaska Sea Otter and Steller Sea Lion Commission

6239 B Street, Suite 204
Anchorage, AK 99518

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: TASSC will take a two pronged approach to sea lion biosampling. First, TASSC will work with two high harvest communities to fund local monitors-local residents that will work with the hunters and facilitate sea lion biosampling and help to monitor and document the local environment. Secondly, TASSC will train approximately 25 coastal Alaska residents on proper sample collection techniques and protocols from those sea lions harvested for subsistence.

Subsistence hunted Steller sea lion biosamples are very valuable to the research community. Collection and analysis of these samples can provide critical information that no other source can provide. It is recognized as a top priority activity in the 1992 and soon to be finalized Steller Sea Lion Recovery Plan. The importance of collecting samples from animals taken for subsistence is widely recognized by such groups as the National Marine Mammal Lab, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Sea Life Center and the University of Alaska.

Appropriated Amount: \$500,000

Detailed Finance Plan:

Personnel & Fringe Costs: \$312,300

Travel: \$89,000

Supplies: \$13,700

Contractual: \$50,000

Biosamplers: \$10,000

Printing: \$21,000

Sample Shipping: \$4,000

Project Name: Sexual Assault Response Team Center

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Department of Justice, OJP-Byrne

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark:

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center

Municipality of Anchorage

P.O. Box 196650

Anchorage, AK 99519

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Funding will be used for the continued development and operations of the Municipality of Anchorage Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center. This project will support victims through care while participating in investigation and prosecution and help in prosecution of sexual assault cases through professional evidence collection, documentation, preservation and processing.

The SART Center is essential in the collection of evidence through the forensic medical exam by the sexual assault nurse examiner and its operations is essential in Anchorage's effort to reduce and eliminate sexual assault. The SART also responds to cases from other Alaskan jurisdictions that do not have SART programs, covering a large area, as the nearest SART Center is 200 miles away.

Appropriated Amount: \$400,000

Detailed Finance Plan:

Program Administration, Victim Advocacy,

Forensic Investigation: \$340,000

Indirect/Communications: \$60,000

Project Name: The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Department of Commerce, NOAA—ORF

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: